

Newsletter

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent / Carer

We are only part way through October and it has flown by – our October break is next week. As previously, we are continuing to wear our masks, stay socially distanced and not cross our class bubbles.

We have thankfully seen a bit of a drop in positive COVID tests in school but would ask that you continue as you have been and make sure you and your children test for COVID if you feel unwell/are displaying any symptoms.

We are still using our APP and website to post information and have been having to continue to do this rather than email as we had hoped. Not all parents have returned the relevant forms or we have a number who did and did not quote their email address on the form. Our office have been chasing this information but I would say that they should not have to do this when it has been requested a number of times since we returned in August. I cannot stress how urgent and important it is that you return these immediately when they are issued. If you have received a chaser via text message, please return the forms straight away or if you have lost or misplaced them, please email or call our school office for replacements. We are into October now and these forms should not be outstanding at this stage in the school term. Non return means we do not know if we have current information for you and also that for this school year, you have not consented to school trips or given photo/video permission.

SPECIAL PROVISION/ENHANCED NURTURE BASE

We said a fond farewell to our staff and children this week. We wish them all well for the future and hope that they all settle at St Margaret's after the October break.



RSHP

We mentioned that a letter would be issued in our last newsletter regarding parents who wish to engage with us to discuss our new RSHP programme. Thank you to those parents who have returned their slip showing interest. They have all been contacted with a date and time of the first meeting.

GOODBYE!



We wish to advise you that one of our Learning Assistant's, Mrs Lisa Paris will be leaving us on 11th November 2021. Mrs Paris is leaving us for pastures new as a Forest School Learning Assistant in a nursery in Edinburgh. This has been a passion of hers for a long time now and we would like to wish her all the best in her new vocation.

PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

We have had a successful week with our Parental Consultations which have been held over the phone. Our teachers love to share your child's learning and progress with you.

PROUD

We would like to say how proud we are of all our pupils in school and give a special mention to those pupils who have taken on leadership roles in school. Huge thank you and congratulations to our Anti Bullying Ambassadors, House Captains/Vice Captains and our Pupils Council Reps. You all have a vital role in improving our school.



LOLLIPOPS



lollipop stick.

Please can we ask parents/carers not to send lollipops into school with their child. We are finding that they are becoming increasingly dangerous in school as children are arriving in busy playgrounds and running into each other. The last thing we want for any child is for them to choke, have a mouth injury or be poked in the eye with a

HALLOWEEN DRESS UP/DRESS DOWN DAY - 29.10.21



A reminder that we will be having a dress up/dress down day on 29th October and ask that a suggested donation of £1 is brought to school to dress up or dress down – whatever your child prefers to do.

Don't make it too scary!!

Can we ask that no football colours are worn please.

COIN WARS

We have had a successful coin war in school and would like to thank parents/carers for all their donations. The money raised will be used to buy resources/toys/games for the pupils in school.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

Our school car park is still being used to drop off and pick up. We did close our school gates for a few mornings and found that we had a couple of disgruntled parents. Please be reminded that we have asked all parents/carers for some time now not to use the staff car park. We may have to continue to close the gates every day, if this does not stop.



XMAS DONATIONS



Last year, staff/family/friends donated a gift to our school for xmas. We wrapped the gifts and gave them to vulnerable families so they could have a happier, less stressful Christmas. We are hoping to do the same again this year but would like to ask all parents/carers in our school if they would like to contribute too. Please look out for further information being issued regarding this and if you would like to take part, we would be very grateful. We know we have a generous and kind hearted bunch of parents/carers out there and will more than likely be inundated. If this happens, we would donate any unallocated gifts to the Help A Child Appeal.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a calm and peaceful October break. We break on Friday 15th October and pupils return on Tuesday 26th October. Pupils and staff will be receiving their flu spray / injections on the day we return, so we will come back to a busy day in school!

Kind Regards

Jackie Mellon

Head Teacher